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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STEPHENS ET AL.

Examiner

NAM HUYNH

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 17, 21 and 23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/21/09 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

This office action is in response to amendment filed on 1/21/09. Of the previously presented claims 7-11, 13-15, 17, 21, and 23; claim 7 has been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 7, 8-11, 13, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Akashi et al. (US 4,742,512) (hereinafter Akashi).

Regarding claim 7, Akashi teaches an apparatus, comprising a first electronic device (central station) adapted to:

receive a data transmission (reservation request) from each of multiple second electronic devices, each of the data transmissions including a predicted duration of a length of a subsequent transmission (timeslot) from the respective second electronic device;

organize at least some of multiple second electronic devices into a group having similar predicted durations for the subsequent data transmissions; and transmit polls substantially simultaneously to the second electronic devices within the group (acknowledging polling frame) (column 8, lines 58-68; column 9, lines 1-47).

Regarding claim 8, Akashi teaches the first electronic device is further adapted to receive the data transmissions from the second electronic devices within the group substantially simultaneously (column 8, lines 58-68; column 9, lines 1-47).

Regarding claim 9, Akashi teaches the first electronic device is further adapted to transmit acknowledgements (reservation frame) to the wireless devices within the group substantially simultaneously (column 8, lines 58-68; column 9, lines 1-47).

Regarding claim 10, Akashi teaches the first electronic device is further adapted to transmit polls to other second electronic devices within another group substantially simultaneously (column 8, lines 58-68; column 9, lines 1-47).

Regarding claim 11, Akashi teaches the first electronic device is further adapted to receive the predicted durations in transmissions from the second electronic devices (column 8, lines 58-68; column 9, lines 1-47).

Regarding claim 13, Lo teaches the apparatus comprises:

a computing platform; and

at least four antennas coupled to the computing platform (figure 3).

Regarding claim 14, Lo teaches the apparatus further comprises at least four modulator/demodulators coupled between the computing platform and the at least four antennas (figure 4).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7, 8-11, 13, and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 15, 17, 21, and 23 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NAM HUYNH whose telephone number is (571)272-5970. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m.-5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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